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District 4 News

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News & Views from around your community



Greetings!

Spring has finally arrived and its welcome signs are blooming all along the corridor. From crocuses and jonquils making an appearance, to the sounds of humming lawnmowers and hedge clippers, things are warming up for the growing season.

Speaking of spring growth – take a look inside for news from around the 4th District, including a fresh face for the Liberty Road Business Association, new green building in Owings Mills, a rebirth of Milford Mill Academy, and the unveiling of the new Owings Mills library at the Metro Centre.

Upcoming 4th District events include Harriet Tubman celebrations, Women's Day of Dance at Northwest Hospital, announcement of this summer's Randallstown Farmers' Market, and activities at the Owings Mills, Randallstown and Woodlawn libraries. I've been out in the community, checking in recently at the opening of the Empire Center, Groveton Green, and meeting with constituents and businesses at my Towson and Randallstown offices.

Use your newsletter to catch up with what's going on in your community. We hope to make it an invaluable resource for news and information you need. Let us know what you think. I hope you enjoy the spring season in the 4th District, whether you live, work, play, or worship here.

If you need to reach my office, give us a call at (410) 887-3389, or send us an email at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you. Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

Best regards,

Kenneth N. Oliver
4th District County Council

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Business News

Business group starts new year with new director

The first thing you may notice about the new Executive Director of the Liberty Road Business Association is her smile and infectious energy. Kelly R. Carter, a “fifth-generation Reisterstonion” now living in Woodstock, took the helm of the 34-year-old organization earlier this year, and is putting together an ambitious agenda to breathe new life and vitality into the LRBA.

In March, Carter and association president Mark McFadden hosted the year’s first general membership meeting at the Randallstown Library. More than 20 people attended, including business owners from Dunkin Donuts, who supplied breakfast goodies, Air Plumbing & Heating Solutions, Your Lifeline Connection, State Farm, Comfort Care, Tip Top Tables, and other corridor business entities.

Carter and McFadden listed annual events that will be returning, such as the LRBA employment fair, farmers’ market, and crab feast. She also has a number of ideas for new initiatives to raise awareness of the association, foster networking, and boost membership, including a bingo fundraiser, monthly networking events, and one-mile walk to raise funds for domestic violence awareness. She is also working with the Rev. Mark Johnson of Mount Olive United Methodist Church on supporting their food program, and highlighted an upcoming documentary marking the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Woodlawn’s Gwynn Oak Amusement Park.

Donnell Zeigler, of the county’s planning office, offered information on a proposed Royal Farms convenience store, gas station and car wash, for the southeast corner of Liberty and Offutt roads.

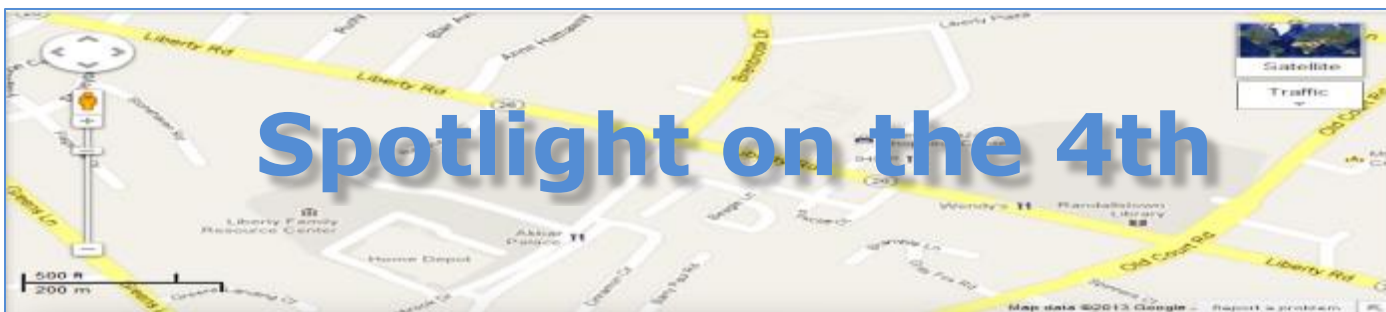
*Looking ahead:
“To try to be a
Randallstown business
association that does
offer resources to
enhance every business
along the corridor –
and to make a
difference.”*

– Kelly R. Carter



Carter is excited about making the business community more cohesive while nurturing a better partnership between businesses and the community. With close to two decades in market research and more recently event planning, she’s taking on an association that boasts more than 600 businesses within its service area – from the Baltimore City line to the Carroll County line. “I think we need to recreate our presence in the corridor, by being more consistent and more hands-on,” she said. “And I think we can do things aesthetically to make it better. We need to start

being do-ers.” For more information, or to become a member, call 410-655-7766, or go to <http://lrba.biz>. (2)



Check out what's happening around the 4th District

- W**omen! Come Get Your Dance On at a free dance/health event, **"Day of Dance," Thursday, April 11**, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Northwest Hospital, 5401 Old Court Road, in Randallstown. There will be dance demonstrations, entertainment, free health screenings, heart-healthy food, refreshments, and a wine tasting. Call 410-601-9355, or visit www.lifebridgehealth.org/DayOfDance.
- On Friday, April 5**, at 7 p.m. at the Randallstown Community Center (3505 Resource Drive), The Emmart Pierpont Safe House and On Purpose Productions present **"Harriet's Return,"** based on the life of Harriet Tubman, written and starring Karen Jones Meadows. Directed by Jake Walker. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Emmart Pierpont Safe House, call Shirley Supik at 410-655-7821. **On Saturday, April 6**, from 1-3 p.m., Emmart Pierpont Safe House, 3523 North Rolling Road, **"Annual Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance."** Call Shirley Supik at 410-655-7821 for more info.
- Precinct Two Outreach** Unit is hosting an event about **group homes** on **April 22**, at 7 p.m., at the Liberty Center, 3637 Offutt Rd., Randallstown, with state officials and group home representatives.
- Owings Mills Library events**
Baby Story Time, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., infants to 23 months with adult. **Preschool Story Time, Thursdays**, 11 a.m., preschool 2-5 years old with adult. National Library Week open house **Apr. 18**.
- Randallstown Library events**
"Critter Caravans Pleeze and Squeeze Show," Weds., **April 3**, 6 p.m. **"Small Business Counseling,"** registration required, Weds., **April 10**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. National Library Week open house **Apr. 16**.
- Woodlawn Library events**
"Youth Author Expo," Sat., **April 6**, 1-5 p.m. **"American Sign Language Story Time,"** ages 2-5 with an adult, Monday, **April 15**, 2 p.m. National Library Week open house **Apr. 19**.
For more events and info, www.bcpl.info
- Spring 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.** Sunday, **April 14**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Resource Recovery Facility at Drop-Off Drive and Warren Road in Cockeysville.
- DEA National Take Back Initiative, April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Dispose of unwanted, unused prescriptions and other drugs. Turn-in locations include Precinct 2 Woodlawn, 6424 Windsor Mill Road, Woodlawn, 410-887-1340. For more information, call **1-800-882-9539**.

More Spotlight on the 4th...

At the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the **Empire Center**, 9637 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, Councilman Oliver praised the continued expansion of new economic development in the northwest corridor and welcomed the new business to Liberty Road with Empire Center owner Gardner Redd, his family, staff, clergy and guests.



The new business resource center offers classroom, training, meeting/seminar space, office space, and private event space. For more information, call 443-426-2040, or e-mail info@theempiregroupinc.com.



C. Reter photo

Reisterstown residents gathered recently with county officials at Trinity Lutheran Church on Main Street to kick off an initiative for official **Maryland Main Street designation** for Reisterstown's historic Main Street district. The official state designation is awarded based on criteria that include design, local organization, promotion, economic development, and sustainability. The initiative's ultimate goal is to improve the historic district's draw as a place where people will come to shop, eat, and stroll, enjoying the town's one-of-a-kind character. For more information, check out the county's blog: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow/keyword/reisterstown%20main%20street

The Randallstown Farmers' Market returns this summer on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. starting June 12. Keep an eye out for the location!

Child Safety Seat Inspection, at State Farm Insurance, 1715 Gwynn Oak Ave., Woodlawn, on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sponsored by State Farm, ADT, Safe Kids Baltimore, Maryland Kids in Safety Seats.

Get in on our email list for future newsletters and timely information, news and updates from around the corridor. Drop us a line at Council4@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Winter's icy grip holds on

A surprise late season snow blanketed the Fourth District March 25, five days after the first day of spring. What was supposed to be a dusting, or “wintry mix,” piled up in the northwest, closing schools and snarling traffic.



The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts, “April and May will be slightly warmer and drier than normal. Summer will be slightly warmer and drier than normal, with the hottest periods in mid- to late-June, mid- and late-July, and mid-August. The strongest threat of a tropical storm will be in early June.” www.almanac.com

Check out the **Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan!** The plan's Advisory Committee is seeking input on projects identified in the Eastern and Western Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plans.

The public may voice preferences on projects at a Citizen Input Meeting on Tuesday, **April 16**, at 5 p.m., Jefferson Building Hearing Room (Room 104), 105 West Chesapeake Ave., Towson. For more info and to see the plan, go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/bikeped. The interactive map can be viewed through the [My Neighborhood](#) application. For more information, e-mail Kathy Schlabach in the Department of Planning, or call 410-887-3521.

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More Spotlight on the 4th...

On Thursday, March 28, the new Owings Mills library branch officially opened with a festive ribbon-cutting.



The library is on the first two floors of the six-story County Campus building at the Metro Centre at Owings Mills. The top floors will eventually house a CCBC Owings Mills satellite campus. The third floor is a shared facility, with a large quiet room for library patrons and students.

The library, the largest in the county at 54,333 square feet, offers 120,000 items and 70 public computer stations: 58 for adults, six for teens and six for children. For more information, call 410-887-2092, or go to www.bcpl.info.





Oliver joins officials to celebrate Milford Mill Academy's renewal

Councilman Oliver joined state and county officials, administrators and students on March 18, to celebrate the completion of \$36 million in renovations and construction at Milford Mill Academy.



The 64-year-old school has about 1,400 students. The renovation project includes a 4,800-square-foot addition, a new gym, renovated cosmetology lab, carpentry and other tech labs, media center, auditorium, black-box theater and classrooms. New heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems were added as well as other upgrades.

The dedication ceremony, held in the new black-box-theater, included the JROTC Color Guard, and a rousing rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the Concert Chorale. There were words from students and officials, including Principal Roderick Harden, Board of Ed member Michael Bowler, county schools Superintendent Dr. Dallas S. Dance, a representative from the county executive's office, and Councilman Oliver. The school's dance ensemble performed in the bright, newly renovated auditorium.

The official ribbon-cutting took place in the school's sparkling gym, preceded by a performance by the school band. Tours of the school were led by members of Milford's JROTC Guard. Our excellent guides for the tour were JROTC members Nathaniel, Leroy and Martin, outstanding students looking to military education and service.



"Today is another day to cheer for Milford Mill Academy, especially its students, who have witnessed their school's growth and improvement, as they have grown and improved and moved out into the world to make a difference, even winning Academy Awards," Oliver said. "Congratulations to students, parents, teachers, administrators, county officials, and the workers that helped make it happen. Making education a priority will only make for a better future for everyone." (6)



Housing News

Owings Mills Apartments first to earn LEEDs Gold Certification



Councilman Oliver joined environmental advocates, eco-friendly developers and other officials at Groveton Green Apartments in Owings Mills recently to mark the first multifamily LEED Gold certified project in the LEED for Homes program in Maryland. LEED-certified buildings must meet certain criteria that deem them “green,” with features that make them more energy efficient, produce less waste and greenhouse gases, and are healthier

for occupants, among other criteria. Oliver joined Groveton Green manager Kim Robinson, Roger Platt of the U.S. Green Building Council, Fore Property Co. Vice President of Operations Jim Sullivan, USGBC’s Maryland Chapter Chairman Nathan Robb, and Fore Property Co. partner Fred Karem, to celebrate Groveton Green’s receiving LEED Gold certification. The apartment complex is on Groveton Green Circle off of Lakeside Boulevard in Owings Mills, and includes a smoke-free building, fitness club, pool with a waterfall, billiards and card rooms, fire pits, bike storage, a dog wash and park, and other amenities. For more information on Groveton Green, go to www.grovetongreenapts.com. For more information on LEEDS certification and green building, go to <http://usgbc.org/leed>.



County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative April schedule:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	WORK SESSION
APRIL	4-1-13	4-9-13
	4-15-13	4-30-13

Pending Legislation Includes:

The following Bills were introduced by the County Council at its March 4, meeting. Bills were discussed at the March 26 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote were at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

[Bill 14-13](#) CEB - EmPOWER MD - EmPOWERING Clean Energy Communities - Passed

[Bill 15-13](#) Building Improvement Loan Fund - Passed

[Bill 16-13](#) CEB - Insurance Contribution - Passed

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its March 18, 2013 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the April 9, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

[Bill 17-13](#) The Plumbing and Gasfitting Code of Baltimore County

[Bill 18-13](#) CEB - HIV Case Management

[Bill 19-13](#) CEB - Maryland Children's Health Program

[Bill 20-13](#) Stormwater Remediation Fee

[Bill 21-13](#) B.L. Zone – Theaters

[Bill 22-13](#) School Picketing Buffer Zones

*Come out and watch your
County Council in action*

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.

The following Resolution was introduced by the County Council at its March 18 meeting. This Resolution was discussed at the March 26 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote was at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

[Resolution 22-13](#) Local Open Space Waiver Fees - Withdrawn

The following Resolutions, in PDF format, were discussed at the March 26, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote were at the Legislative Session on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All resolutions passed.

[Resolution 23-13](#) Commercial Revitalization Action Grant - Dundalk Renaissance Corporation

[Resolution 24-13](#) Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Surviving Spouse - Clardella A. Peele

[Resolution 25-13](#) Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Diamond G. Kimos

[Resolution 26-13](#) Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Renee C. Edwards

[Resolution 27-13](#) Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Elgin M. Gardner



Baltimore County Resources

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911

Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560

Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- **Liberty Center – employment/job training**
3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- **Liberty Road Business Association – business group**
9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- **Jobs with Baltimore County –** www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- **Liberty Resource Center – county health services**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- **Woodlawn Health Center – county health services**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices

Library branches

- **Randallstown Library – books, computers, events and more**
8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown
- **Owings Mills Library – books, computers, events and more**
Painters Mill Road at Metro Centre at Owings Mills <http://metrocentroom.com/college-library>
- **Woodlawn Library – books, computers, events and more**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- **Liberty Road Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- **Northwest Regional Park – sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails**
4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- **Owings Mills Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- **Randallstown Community Center – rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- **Randallstown Y Aquatics Center – Y of Maryland pool and classes**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- **Woodlawn Community Center – rec council, senior and community activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- **Liberty Senior Center – senior services and activities**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- **Woodlawn Senior Center – senior services and activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers

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